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Francis Huber electrician's mate third class, United States Navy, writes from somewhere in New Guinea under date of August 6:

"I just thought I would drop a few lines to let you know where I am. I'm over here somewhere in New Guinea, and all there is to it is rain, mud and jungles.

"They said something about these south sea islands being so pretty, but for my part I'll take good old Jasper county. Now that I've met somebody from Sainte Marie, though, it isn't so bad. Chester Menacher is his name and he's in the Seabees.

"Jack Benny and Carole Landis with some others will be here tonight so I'll have to see them. I haven't gotten my Press for a long time but newspapers take longer than letters. Wish all my friends would drop me a few lines." Write in care of the Press.

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Melvin E. Chapman of Newton, yeoman first class, has reported to the United States Navy Pre-Flight school at Athens, Georgia, for an intensive course in physical training and ground school work as a preliminary stage in flight training for Navy, Coast Guard and Marine combat pilots.

Chapman, who served aboard the aircraft carrier Lexington, is a veteran of the battles of the Coral Sea, Bougainville, Rabaul and the Tarawa supporting action. He completed the Naval Flight Preparatory school at Nachitoches, Louisiana, and the CAA Training school at Kilgore, Texas.

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Seaman First Class William Wilson is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson of near Newton. He has been a member of the crew of a Naval tanker in the Pacific and has been at sea for fourteen months. His ship helped to furnish the fuel for the fighters and fighting ships at Guadalcanal, Saipan and the Gilbert islands, although it stayed well back from the fighting area because of its vulnerability to bombs and shells.

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Private Gordon W. Stanley is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stanley of near Newton, and friends here and at West Liberty. He was injured in a truck wreck in the Aleutians and is under hospital treatment.

He participated in the fighting at Attu island but received his injuries when an Army truck on which he was riding was sideswiped by another truck.

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Sergeant Albert M. Hunsaker has been presented a good conduct medal, it was announced today by his commanding officer, Captain C. W. Gibbons. Sergeant Hunsaker is a member of Headquarters battery, Seventy-third Field Artillery battalion, Ninth Armored division at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

He is a son of Mrs. Mary Hunsaker of 320 South Central avenue, Casey, formerly of Yale.

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Private Homer W. Wilson Jr. will have a birthday on September 28. Anyone wishing to send him greetings may address their letters in care of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Wilson, Oblong, Illinois.

He was in the invasion of Normandy and received a slight foot injury, but was able to remain in the fighting, although he lost many of his friends and buddies.

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Private George W. Phillips of Newton has been discharged from the Army after two and one-half years. He was in England with a Medical detachment when he developed a brain tumor and was returned to the United States for treatment. This cleared up under treatment with penicillin and he was sent to the east coast with a Military Police detachment.

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Corporal Arthur C. Hall of the Eighty-second Medical battalion at Camp Barkley, Texas, has just returned to camp, after a twelve day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hall of Hidalgo vicinity. He and his parents motored Indianapolis, Chicago and Decatur where they paid brief visits to his sisters and brothers and families. Arthur expects to be moved soon.

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Mrs. Loren Heady received a letter, Monday, from her husband Private Heady, stating he had a wounded right leg, but did not go into detail as to how bad he was wounded. He said he was sitting up in bed writing.

This is the first news direct from him. He was wounded in action July

13 in France.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips of near Willow Hill have received a cable from their son, Private Orville E. Phillips, stating he was, "safe and well." A few days later he wrote he was somewhere in England. He is first cook for a General hospital.